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CIA Spy-Scholars Hurt Work Abroad, Say Anthropologists

PITTSBURGH — Central Intelligence Agency spies have been operating abroad disguised as sociologists and anthropologists, a conference of the American Anthropological Association was told here last week.

Dr. Ralph Beals, who spent the last year studying the effect of Government-sponsored social research. abroad, charged that Government agencies sought to carry on political intelligence and counter revolutionary work under the cover of scholarly research.

These activities have been undermining the effectiveness and reputation of American scholars in other countries, Dr. Beals said.



Beals told the conference that some CIA agents, posing as anthropologists were easily discovered by scholars in countries where they were operating, because of their lack of technical knowledge.

"In fact," he added, "in some areas like the Middle East they prefer the 'anthropological spy' because he is so naive and they can feed him false information."

Beals cited last year's Operation Camelot, the U.S. Armyfinanced study, allegedly of social change in Chile. This university project for espionage purposes was exposed in June, 1965, by deputies in the Chilean Congress.

Sen. J. W. Fulbright (D-Ark.), charged in the Senate that "Camelot-type" projects were at that time also under way in Colombia, Peru and Venezuela.